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Newcastle Disease Update From Australia

After destocking 1.9 million poultry from 33 commercial poultry farms to eradicate Newcastle Disease on Mangrove Mountain, the destocking phase was completed on May 12, 1999. The next move is to decontaminate and disinfect the properties, which will likely take a month. Next there is a period before a second disinfecting. Restocking may not be possible for two or more months.

As of May 20, 1999, more than 1,800 backyard and aviary birds on 83 properties had been euthanised. Virulent Newcastle disease was found in a sample taken from a backyard bird on Mangrove Mountain. The bird came from an apparently healthy backyard flock on a property situated between two of the eight Mangrove Mountain poultry farms which were infected with Newcastle disease.

Wild birds were being sampled in the area and as of May 20 none had been infected.

Source: New South Wales Agriculture, Australia

TOTAL TURKEY MEAT PRODUCTION

Selected Countries

(1,000 Metric Tons in Ready-to-Cook Egivalents)

	<u>1994</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1997</u>	1998(p)	1999(f)
U.S.	2239	2299	2450	2455	2366	2375
France	568	650	671	708	732	700
Italy	269	294	315	338	338	336
E.U.	1405	1568	1638	1753	1784	1766
Total	4041	4285	4536	4683	4635	4648

TOTAL TURKEY MEAT EXPORTS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998(p)	1999(f)
U.S.	127	158	199	271	202	195
France	87	92	122	117	113	75
E.U.	133	151	175	217	204	157
Total	295	350	423	541	456	403

(p) preliminary (f) forcast

Source: FAS post reports, official statistics, and inter-agency

analysis. USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

French Poultry Exports

In 1998, total French poultry meat exports were up 3 percent in volume and down 5 percent in value. French poultry exporters faced a stiffer competition on most export markets, especially on EU markets, and suffered from the Russian economic recession that started in August 1998. Prices went also down, due to a strong competition from other poultry exporters, mainly Brazil.

French exports to EU countries dropped significantly in CY 1998. The decrease was especially significant in Germany, United Kingdom and Belgium/Luxemburg, the three largest EU importers of French poultry. This decrease was mainly caused by the increased competitiveness of pork meat and the development of domestic poultry production in those countries. Frozen whole chicken and turkey meat were the most affected by this decrease. On the other hand, Spain and Denmark increased their purchases of French poultry.

Exports to third country markets increased in volume but their value remained stagnant, due to plummeting prices. Exports to Russia were especially hit by the economic turmoil that started in August 1998. While French poultry exports to Russia had increased by 15 percent in the first half of CY 1998, sales during the second half were cut in half. While exports of frozen whole chicken and frozen chicken parts practically came to a halt, exports of turkey meat parts were kept afloat, thanks to the sales of mechanically deboned turkey meat, sold at a very low price (at an average of FF 2.28 per KG in the last quarter of 1998).

Exports to the Middle East region remained strong in CY 1998, thanks to booming chicken meat exports to Iran. Exports of frozen whole chicken to Iran went from 6,000 MT in CY 1997 to 43,000 MT in CY 1998. France also kept its market share in Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Oman, despite stiff competition from Brazil. Exports also increased to Cuba, Hong Kong and Sub-Sahara countries such as Benin and Gabon.

French Poultry Export Prices CY 1998

A	verage		
P	rice Export	% change)
Product	(FF/kg)	97/98	*USD/Ib equiv
Frozen whole chicken	6.63	- 13%	.51
Fresh whole chicken	11.37	- 6 %	87
Fresh ckicken parts	21.71	+9%	1.67
Frozen chicken parts	9.02	- 3 %	.69
Fresh turkey parts	19.63	0 %	1.51
Frozen turkey parts	7.49	- 12 %	.60
(Source French custom)	s / ITAVI)		

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

*Using 1998 average of 5.897 French Francs per U.S. Dollar. In 1997 the FF exchange averaged 5.833 and in 1998 5.897.

In 1999 the FF was pegged to the Euro.

U.S. Export	INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS				LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-May-99			
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary) Week Ending May 22, 1999 Year-To-Date				PRELIMINARY U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)				
			1999		U.S. FOWL SLAUGH			
Type	1999 438	1998 /1 48		1998 5,020		LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
Liquid Frozen	430	40 0	5,645 6	5,020	HEAD	HENS	HENS	HENS
Dried	0	0	174	217	· ·=· ·=	2,329	1,356	3,685
Total	438	48	5,825	5,287	LAST WEEK	2,375	1,333	3,708
					SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,167	1,329	3,496
	ts From Canada,			r-To-Date	TO-DATE/1999	44,152	26,853	71,005
	eek Ending May/ 1999	1998 /1	1999	1998	TO-DATE/1998	42,417	24,896	67,313
Type Liquid	71	0	1,841	1,582	ILC FOWL CL	ALIQUITEDES	NINI CANIAD	
Frozen	0	0	97	1,362	U.S. FOWL SL			TOTAL
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	eek Ending May		-	ar-To-Date	SAME WEEK YR AGO	549	0	549
VV	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998	TO-DATE/1999	9,740	137	9,877
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	1,590		11,725	•	SOURCE: AGRICULTURE	CANADA, PI	LIRY DEVE	LOPMENT
Large	3,671	2,844	43,344	39,641	DIV.		T	NB
Medium	2,195	1,910 3,870	19,316	23,316	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUG	GHIEREDIN	THE U.S. A	NND
Ungrade	17,290	,	164,489	81,572	CANADA	LIGHT		TOTAL
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	24,801	9,362	242,412	161,575	LIEAD	HENS	HENS	HENS
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	DA/AMS Poultry I				SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,716	1,329	4,045
	with Agriculture	Canada, Pou	itry Developm	nent	TO-DATE/1999	53,892	26,990	80,882
Division.					TO-DATE/1998	53,805	25,087	78,892
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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

MAY 28, 1999

Undertone barely steady to firm on frozen thigh meat with product yet to be made commanding premiums over product in storage. Someindustry members cautiously watching how the thigh meat prices relate to competitive pork items. Undertone steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with trading for June-July, mostly June shipments. Buyers resisting seller attempts to raise the tom 2-joint market. Fresh 15-20% skin added mechanically separated turkey light at best for next week's shortened work schedules. For export: tom necks (4 containers) 15-17, ground drum meat (2 loads) 30, mixed defatted gizzards (5 containers) 60 cents.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1999

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1999 EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
			PRICE		PRICE
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	14.00-16.00		14.98	224	14.90
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	40	21.90
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00-19.50		18.75	416	19.08
TAILS	17.00		17.00	104	16.57
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.00		16.00	80	13.73
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-62.00		58.25	455	53.32
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1999					
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	52	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00		21.00	120	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	104	
TAILS		W	16.00	80	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00		14.00	40	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00-56.00		50.53	647	
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1999 EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
EXPORT TRADING	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE		
DDI IMETICKE TOME	13.00-15.00	CODE II	14.73	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	13.00-13.00	М	24.00	1,928 40	
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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS	16.00		16.00	80	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.00-15.00		13.33	480	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	416	
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1999 EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
<u> EXFORT TRABINO</u>	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50	OODL 17	15.50	172	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	10.00	M	24.00	40	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00	141	20.00	104	
TAILS	20.00	R	19.33	120	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		10	10.00	120	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-53.00		52.33	312	
MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999					
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	80	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	40	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	19.00	208	
TAILS		R	19.33	120	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/					
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	51.75	416	

^{1/} CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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